



# PeriOperative Potpourri

## New Orleans - Chapter 1902

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## President's Message

Greeting members,

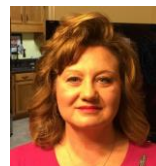
We had a very productive Board meeting on July 8. We laid the groundwork for many exciting things this year. We decided to investigate the requirements for the Chapter of the Year award. We are an active chapter and want to highlight our dedication to our professional organization. Last year our Chapter was awarded a 5 Star rating, so let us celebrate our great Chapter! I will be getting more information, so be on the lookout.

We will be re-instating the award for "most meetings attended." For each meeting you attend, you will receive one ticket. At the end of the year, all the tickets will go into the hat, and one lucky winner will receive a year's membership to AORN. You will receive a gift card to the AORN store if you are a lifetime member.

As a reminder, if you are not a member of AORN, we encourage you to join and attend our meetings. If you are not a member and you attend a dinner meeting, you will be asked to pay \$20.00 to assist in covering the cost of the meal. If you are not a member and want to attend a meeting, email me at [rhonda.nabors@icloud.com](mailto:rhonda.nabors@icloud.com). Likewise, if you are an AORN member and RSVP to a dinner meeting and do not cancel within 48 hours, you will have two options at the next meeting. Option one, sit out the next meeting, or option two, pay \$50.00 to cover the meal. So, you are asking why we made this decision. It was a hard decision and one that brought about much discussion. The reason we made this decision is multifactorial. The two main reasons are due to many no-shows for the meetings. At the last meeting, we had twelve no-shows. We usually have limited seating, and those who RSVP do not show they are taking a spot for someone else who wants to attend. The second reason is that the vendors are sponsoring our dinners, and there is usually a minimum they must pay. Like each of us, the vendors are asked to reduce their monthly expenses. On average, it costs about \$50.00 per person to sponsor a meeting. If 10+ people do not attend a meeting, that is over \$500.00 added cost to the vendor, which sheds negative light on our Chapter. If you have any questions regarding the reasons behind this change, please get in touch with anyone on the Board.

Our next meeting will be on September 27, 2023, at Drago's; stay tuned. We will hold our annual Winter Seminar on January 13, 2024; mark your calendars. The day is always filled with CE hours and vendors.

I look forward to a great year,  
Rhonda Nabors



## 2023-2024 Calendar

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**- Dinner Meeting at Drago's in Metairie, sponsored by Baxter (Adam Bienvenu) See flyer on other side.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**-Irrisep

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**- Social

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** - Winter Seminar at Ochsner Jeff Hwy

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**-Steris

**March 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>**- AORN Conference in Nashville

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**- Meeting sponsored by Stryker (Katie Dickinson)

**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Social



# **AORN Chapter 1902 SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**September 27, 2023**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

## **DRAGO'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**

**3232 N. ARNOULT RD. METAIRIE, LA 70002**

**SPONSORED BY: BAXTER**

**LIMITED SEATING**

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**NO ZOOM AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

**RNs ONLY**

Please RSVP **only** if you plan to attend,  
as a courtesy to our Sponsor

**No fee for Members; Non-Member fee \$20.00**